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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the Government were pressed for funds, they were forced or compelled to sell these securities and thus incur a loss of about Rs. 34 lakhs. In view of the fact that the Government of India had not come forward to help us with sufficient financial grants, would it not have been advisable for this Government of Madras to float a loan in the open market and thus replenish their funds? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We did float an open market loan, and we got Rs. 5 crores. and in addition to that, it was not possible to float another loan."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that the Government of India were prepared to pay for these securities only at the market rates, may I put it to the Government that the State Government need not have bought the securities of the Government of India, but used their own discretion in buying whatever securities would not depreciate in the future? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid we will be gambling if we go in for other kinds of securities than those issued by the Government of India, which will fluctuate more violently in price. I wish to add that as a matter of fact, if we do not invest in Government securities, we will have only to invest in Government of India Treasury Bills which will yield only a lower rate of interest. As a matter of fact, we were earning three per cent, on sums which would have been otherwise lying idle. And even so, we earned about Rs. 60 lakhs by way of interest. And so, if we take the net transaction, we have gained about Rs. 29 lakhs."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" This Provincial Government was floating Treasury Bills in order to make up their ways and means position. May I know why they did not resort to the floating of weekly Treasury Bills and getting money at much cheaper rates of interest? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even the Government of India decided that it would not be possible to raise any money by selling Treasury Bills; it is only very recently that they have again resorted to selling Treasury Bills; and even there, we do not know the secret of it, but it is stated in the finance magazines that it is only the Reserve Bank and other Scheduled Banks which are purchasing the Treasury Bills."

Construction of houses for the homeless in the City.

* 404 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state how many houses were constructed by the Government for the homeless in the City of Madras during the past five years?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Government have not so far constructed houses for the homeless, i.e., persons who live in street pavements and platforms in the City of

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Madras. The Corporation of Madras has constructed houses for the homeless in a few places which provide accommodation for nearly 250 families. It has also developed a few colonies in which sites are allotted to the homeless at a nominal rental. These colonies provide accommodation for nearly 1,000 families.''

SRI A. RATHINAM :—'' May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware of the fact that untouchability is very acute in the City of Madras on account of non-admissibility of Harijan families to live side by side with caste Hindu families in rented buildings, and in view of that fact only the number of pavement-dwellers and the number of slums are increasing here day by day? ''

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' It is not anything that I know of.''

Allegations against the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

* 405 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 22nd November 1952 alleging maladministration, from workers of Government Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, Madras, against the Superintendent of the Hospital ; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

Government Buildings in Government Estate, Mount Road.

* 406 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent occupants of the Government buildings in the Government Estate, Mount Road, who are (1) officials ; (2) assembly members ; and (3) non-officials ; and

(*b*) the rent derived from each of the three categories in (*a*)?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—

'' (*a*) Officials	218
Members of the Legislature	4
Non-officials	6

'' (*b*) Rs. 1,889–6–0 per mensem from officials.

Rs. 103–14–0 per mensem from Members of the Legislature.

Rs. 285–11–0 per mensem from non-officials.''